



**STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021
11:00am – 1:00pm**

**Held Via Videoconference
(remote public access provided via teleconference)**

MEMBERS:

Mayor's Office (Chair) -- Edward McCaffrey
Supervisor Dean Preston -- Jen Snyder
Supervisor Connie Chan -- Ian Fregosi
Assessor's Office -- Holly Lung
City Attorney's Office -- Mary Jane Winslow
Controller's Office -- Dan Kaplan
Treasurer's Office -- Eric Manke

Meeting commenced at 11:05am

AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Edward McCaffrey, Jen Snyder, Ian Fregosi, Holly Lung, Dan Kaplan, and Eric Manke

Absent: Mary Jane Winslow

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item). Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 14, 2021.

No public comment.

Motion to Approve: Edward McCaffrey

Seconded by: Eric Manke

Approved: 6-0

III. STATE LOBBYIST OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (Discussion Item).

The City's state lobbyist will present to the Committee an update on State legislative matters.

IV. PROPOSED LEGISLATION (Discussion and Action). Discussion and possible action item: the Committee with review and discuss state legislation affecting the City and County of San Francisco. Items are listed by Department, then by bill number.

Consent Agenda

All items listed below were approved with the following vote:

No public comment.

Motion to Approve Positions: Edward McCaffrey

Seconded by: Ian Fregosi

Approved: 6-0

1. AB 221 (Santiago) Emergency food assistance.

Submitted by Human Services Agency

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would provide an emergency food assistance benefit to certain eligible low-income California residents, regardless of their immigration status, in the form of a one-time use, prepaid card preloaded with \$600 for use at retailers that sell groceries.

2. AB 417 (McCarty) Rising Scholars Network: justice-involved students.

Submitted by Reentry Council

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would authorize the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to establish a program, named the Rising Scholars Network, to enter into agreements with up to 50 community colleges to provide additional funds for services in support of postsecondary education for formerly and currently incarcerated individuals.

3. AB 424 (Stone) Private Student Loan Collections Reform Act: collection actions.

Submitted by the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would protect private student loan borrowers from unsubstantiated lawsuits and collection on illegitimate debts. The bill requires private student loan lenders and debt collectors to comply with common sense evidentiary standards when bringing debt collection lawsuits against borrowers.

4. AB 695 (Arambula) Elder and dependent adults.

Submitted by Human Services Agency

Recommended Position: Support

This bill, along with a concomitant budget proposal, would greatly enhance Adult Protective Services (APS) programs to meet the growing needs of California's aging population.

5. AB 1527 (Ting) Seton Medical Center: seismic safety.
Submitted by the Department of Public Health
Recommended Position: Support
This bill would allow the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to grant Seton Medical Center in Daly City a waiver of up to one year to comply with seismic retrofit requirements.
6. SB 240 (Eggman) Income tax: credits: food banks.
Submitted by Department of the Environment
Recommended Position: Support
This bill would allow for the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law to apply a tax credit for qualified taxpayers in an amount equal to 15% of the qualified value of fresh fruits or vegetables and specified raw agricultural products or processed foods donated to a food bank.
7. SB 354 (Skinner) Foster youth: relative placement.
Submitted by Human Services Agency
Recommended Position: Support as amended
This bill would ensure that any existing relationship between a prospective relative or non-relative extended family member (NREFM) caregiver and a child is considered in decisions regarding home approval and placement.
8. SB 551 (Stern) California Electric Vehicle Authority.
Submitted by Department of the Environment
Recommended Position: Support
This bill would establish a California Electric Vehicle Authority within the Governor's office to serve as the state coordinator to accelerate transportation electrification and zero-emissions goods movement and remove barriers and friction among state and regional agencies, utilities, and local governments.

New Business

Film SF / Office of Economic and Workforce Development

Presenter: Susannah Robbins and Lisa Pagan

9. SB 255 (Portantino) Health insurance: employer associations: large group health insurance.
Recommended Position: Support
This bill would authorize an association of employers to offer a large group health care service plan contract or large group health insurance policy consistent with the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) if certain requirements are met.

No public comment.
Motion to Support: Edward McCaffrey
Seconded by: Ian Fregosi
Approved: 6-0

Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector

Presenter: Eric Manke and Amanda Fried

- 10.** SB 555 (McGuire) Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator: collection.

Recommended Position: Oppose unless amended

This legislation establishes a system by which local governments may require short-term rental platforms to collect local charges and contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to collect those charges from the short-term rental platforms and remit them to the local governments.

No public comment.
Motion to Oppose unless amended: Eric Manke
Seconded by: Dan Kaplan
Approved: 5-1, Mayor's Office dissenting

Department of Public Health

Presenter: Max Gara

- 11.** AB 1358 (Bonta) Support

Recommended Position: Demographics: ancestry and ethnic origin.

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health to establish standards for the collection and disclosure of demographic information, including race/ethnicity, employment and language, by local health departments and health care providers, including vaccination sites.

No public comment.
Motion to Support: Edward McCaffrey
Seconded by: Eric Manke
Approved: 6-0

- 12.** SB 65 (Skinner) Maternal care and services.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would enact a comprehensive set of strategies, ranging from Medi-Cal coverage expansion to maternal care workforce improvements, to reduce pregnancy and postpartum death rates and infant mortality, especially for families of color.

No public comment.
Motion to Support: Edward McCaffrey
Seconded by: Dan Kaplan
Approved: 6-0

Planning Department and Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development

Presenter: Sheila Nickolopoulos

13. SB 5 (Atkins) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2022.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would enact the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2022, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6.5 billion.

No public comment.
Motion to Support: Edward McCaffrey
Seconded by: Holly Lung
Approved: 6-0

14. SB 490 (Caballero) Housing acquisition and rehabilitation: technical assistance.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would create the Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Program (HARTAP) at the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the purpose of providing technical assistance to nonprofits, community land trusts, public housing authorities, housing cooperatives, resident associations, and local governments.

No public comment.
Motion to Continue to the Call of the Chair: Edward McCaffrey
Seconded by: Eric Manke
Approved: 6-0

15. SCA 2 (Allen) Public housing projects.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would repeal Article 34, which prohibits the development, construction, or acquisition of a low-rent housing project, in any manner by any state public body until a majority of the qualified electors of the locality in which the low-rent housing project is proposed approve the project by voting in favor at an election.

No public comment.
Motion to Support: Edward McCaffrey
Seconded by: Ian Fregosi
Approved: 6-0

Planning Department

Presenter: Sheila Nickolopoulos

- 16.** AB 561 (Ting) Help Homeowners Add New Housing Program: accessory dwelling unit financing.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would authorize the Treasurer, within six months of the effective date, to develop and administer the Help Homeowners Add New Housing Program, which would assist homeowners in qualifying for loans to construct Accessory Dwelling Units.

No public comment.

Motion to Support: Edward McCaffrey

Seconded by: Ian Fregosi

Approved: 6-0

- 17.** SB 9 (Atkins) Housing development: approvals.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would require a proposed housing development containing no more than two residential units within a single-family residential zone to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing if the proposed development meets certain requirements.

No public comment.

Motion to Continue to the June Meeting: Ian Fregosi

Seconded by: Jen Snyder

Approved: 4-2 (Mayor's Office and Assessor-Recorder's Office dissenting)

- 18.** SB 10 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing development: density.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would authorize a local government to adopt an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified in the ordinance, if the parcel is in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site.

No public comment.

Motion to Continue to the June Meeting: Ian Fregosi

Seconded by: Jen Snyder

Approved: 6-0

Department of the Environment

Presenter: Katie Chansler

- 19.** AB 478 (Ting) Solid waste: thermoform plastic containers: postconsumer recycled plastic.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill sets minimum postconsumer recycled content standards for thermoform plastic containers (mostly take out clamshells and trays) to create a circular economy that will produce, collect, and post-consumer plastic thermoformed containers.

No public comment.

Motion to Support: Edward McCaffrey

Seconded by: Eric Manke

Approved: 6-0

- 20.** AB 1371 (Friedman) Recycling: plastic: packaging and carryout bags.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill will reduce the amount of plastic packaging by prohibiting e-commerce retailers from using single-use plastic packaging such as shipping envelopes, cushioning, void fill or polystyrene peanuts for shipping products and will increase recycling opportunities for consumers by requiring retailers to collect and recycle materials.

No public comment.

Motion to Support: Edward McCaffrey

Seconded by: Jen Snyder

Approved: 6-0

- 21.** SB 54 (Allen) Solid waste: packaging and products.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill will prohibit producers of single-use, disposable packaging or foodware producers from offering for sale, selling, distributing, or importing in or into the state those products manufactured after January 1, 2032, unless it is recyclable or compostable.

No public comment.

Motion to Support: Edward McCaffrey

Seconded by: Ian Fregosi

Approved: 6-0

- 22.** SB 345 (Becker) Energy programs and projects: nonenergy benefits.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill will establish common definitions of nonenergy benefits and try to determine consistent values and methodologies for use in assigning priority access to authorized funds by distributed energy resource programs, including energy efficiency.

No public comment.
Motion to Support: Eric Manke
Seconded by: Edward McCaffrey
Approved: 6-0

- 23.** SB 726 (Gonzalez) Alternative fuel and vehicle technologies:
Sustainable Transportation Strategy.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would require the state board and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, in coordination with specified state agencies, to jointly develop a comprehensive transportation sustainability strategy, to be adopted by state agencies identified in the strategy.

No public comment.
Motion to Support: Dan Kaplan
Seconded by: Ian Fregosi
Approved: 6-0

Reentry Council

Presenter: Victoria Westbrook

- 24.** AB 717 (Stone) Prisoners: identification cards.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide a California Identification card or driver's license to every person released from state prison.

No public comment.
Motion to Support: Edward McCaffrey
Seconded by: Eric Manke
Approved: 6-0

- 25.** AB 990 (Santiago) Prisons: inmate visitation.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would increase access to visits and calls in California prisons.

No public comment.
Motion to Support: Eric Manke
Seconded by: Holly Lung
Approved: 6-0

26. AB 1007 (Cabrillo) Forced or Involuntary Sterilization Compensation Program.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would establish the Forced or Involuntary Sterilization Compensation Program to provide compensation to women forcibly sterilized under California's eugenic laws, as well as those sterilized without medical necessity or informed consent while incarcerated in state prison, county jail or a state or local mental health facility.

No public comment.

Motion to Support: Edward McCaffrey

Seconded by: Holly Lung

Approved: 6-0

27. SB 262 (Hertzberg) Bail.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would require zero-dollar bail for most misdemeanor and felony offenses; require the Judicial Council to prepare, adopt, and annually revise a statewide bail schedule for the exempt offenses; and require the return of money or property paid to obtain bail, as specified.

No public comment.

Motion to Support: Ian Fregosi

Seconded by: Dan Kaplan

Approved: 6-0

28. SB 271 (Wiener) County sheriffs: eligibility requirements.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would restore California's long-standing eligibility criteria for candidates seeking the office of Sheriff.

No public comment.

Motion to Support: Jen Snyder

Seconded by: Ian Fregosi

Approved: 6-0

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Committee on items of interest that are within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction and that do not appear on the agenda.

No Public Comment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Concluded at 12:58pm.